

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 23, 2018

## Christmas Eve Worship

### December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Celebration

5:00pm Bethany UC

7:00pm Elora UC

### Communion Service

11:00pm hosted by Elora United Church



**Two Countries One World (TCOW)** is a United Church service and learning initiative, challenging and changing the lives of youth in Waterloo Presbytery. The TCOW 2019 Team is working towards an experience in Columbia in March 2019. **Caleb Smith-Young** (Elora United) and **Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan** (Melville United) are on the team.

Here are some ways you can support Caleb Smith-Young from Elora United;



**Colombian EcoCafe Coffee Sales Starting TODAY, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** after worship. \$17 per pound for ground or beans. Please pay when you place your order. Delivery in February 2019.



### Two Countries One World (TCOW) Fundraising Concert Saturday, Jan 12 at 3 pm at Melville United Church

with Caleb Smith-Young and Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan

No ticket fee. Cash donations will be shared between Caleb and Sarah.



**Donations for Caleb can also be made at any time through Elora United Church.** Please mark TCOW - Caleb Smith-Young in the memo line.

### Children's Worship, Toddler Care and Youth Exploring Faith (YEF) Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

- colouring pages will be at the back of the sanctuary for children and youth

- parents are welcome to take younger children downstairs as needed (no Toddler Care provided)

**Jan. 6 - Children's Worship, Toddler Care and YEF as usual**

**Greg and Barb Smith-Young will be on holidays** from Tuesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Church office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and re-open on Thursday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am.





## Centre Wellington Food Bank Christmas Collection



**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE CW FOOD BANK.** We are delighted to let you know that between Elora UC and Bethany UC we raised **\$1,299.25**.

**Special Gifts Grants.** Our congregation set up the Special Gifts Fund in 1989. It receives donations, usually from estate bequests and memorial gifts. We invest these, and then grant a large proportion (90% of the gifts and growth) to projects.

These projects can be in four areas:

- 1) Capital Improvements: Building/renovation programs for Elora United Church property.
- 2) Education: Lay training to enable members of the congregation to grow in Christian service.
- 3) Community Outreach: Support for projects in our area that help people with spiritual and/or economic needs.
- 4) Projects of the United Church of Canada. These may be projects in Canada or elsewhere, including special appeals. It is over and above regular offerings to Mission and Service.

Funds will be equally disbursed to each project area over a three-year period. (Extra money was given for "capital improvements" a while ago, so no grants can be made to that area until the areas are back in balance.)

Each of these 3 areas has \$644 to grant in 2018. Grants can be made at springtime and the year's end. So our Mission Board is proposing these grants.

- a) **Revitalize our Church Library – \$644 (Education)**
- b) **Two Countries One World – \$324 (UCC projects)**  
– \$320 was already given in the spring.
- c) **Centre Wellington Mission Network – \$500 (Outreach)**

You'll find information about these posted in the Welcome Centre. If you have any questions or concerns about these grants, please speak with Carole Kennedy, Beverly Bond or Greg Smith-Young. The Mission Board is meeting on January 8, when it will make final decisions.

### Looking Ahead

Mon Dec 24	5:00pm	Bethany UC Christmas Eve Celebration
Mon Dec 24	7:00pm	Elora UC Christmas Eve Celebration
Mon Dec 24	11:00pm	Christmas Eve Communion – at Elora UC
Thu Jan 3	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Rehearsal – BR
Fri Jan 4	6:00pm	Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian (free, all are welcome)
Sun Jan 6	6:30 – 8:00pm	Gr. 7 - 12 Youth Group Epiphany Party at Elora United
Tue Jan 8	6:15 – 9:00pm	Elora UC MR Board Meeting – BR
Sat Jan 12	10:00 – 12:00pm	Care Caller Meeting – BR
Sat Jan 12	3:00pm	TCOW Concert – Melville UC
Sun Jan 20	6:30 – 7:30pm	Gr 3 - 8 Youth Group Epiphany Party at Elora UC